

HE IS A SUCKER

James Richmond a Lowell Farmer

Swindled Out of His Good Money

By a Sleek and Clever Rogue.

He Bought 2,000 Patent Saw-Sets.

James Richmond, a Lowell farmer, has been victimized out of \$1,000 by a confidence man. The details of the crime were carefully concealed until yesterday, when the facts leaked out. The game was unquestionably one of the shrewdest and most skillful of any ever worked in Western Michigan.

Tuesday, December 6, M. J. Page of Buffalo arrived at Train's hotel in Lowell. Page was a smooth, well-dressed man of perhaps 45. He had an iron gray mustache and looked like a thorough going business man in every sense of the word. His manners were polished and he was a smooth, easy talker.

Page wished to meet some retired, prosperous farmer, who was well-to-do and influential, and who could introduce him to other farmers in that vicinity. Mr. Train, the landlord, referred him to Mr. Richmond, who is a retired farmer and lives in the village. The next day Page called upon Richmond and said he was in the county to introduce a patent saw-set among the farmers. He desired to meet as many of them as possible and thought Mr. Richmond could be of service to him by taking him around. Could Mr. Richmond do it? He could.

They made a bargain. Accordingly Page made a bargain with his victim, by which Mr. Richmond was to drive him to the neighboring farms and Page was to pay him \$2.50 a day for his services. Page volunteered to pay all expenses, and they were to start out the next morning. But the next morning was not exactly a pleasant one, and Page concluded that the day was not a good one to begin business. Besides, he had several matters to attend to in Grand Rapids, and thought that would be a good day to look after them.

Under the circumstances he wondered if Mr. Richmond wouldn't like to come to the city with him and spend the day. Mr. Richmond would. Accordingly they came here and registered in the Eagle hotel. They were assigned room No. 22, and in less than an hour three or four men called at the room to look at the saw-sets.

One man was so pleased that he bought 200 on the spot and paid the money, the sets to be delivered the next day. Page represented to Richmond that the sets cost 50 cents each, and as he sold them for a dollar a piece, there was 100 per cent. clear profit. The profits on the few sales made during the afternoon amounted to considerably over \$100.

Richmond bit hard. Richmond was delighted with the way money was rolling in, and was anxious to start in the profits, but Page wasn't the least bit anxious to dispose of any rights. Page then invited Richmond to go to Lansing with him, and the farmer consented. They had surprisingly large sales there also. Then they went to Jackson, and there Lansing and Grand Rapids experiences were duplicated.

Two weeks ago today they returned to the city, and afterwards went to Lowell. By this time Richmond could see his way clear to become a Napoleon of finance if he could only get an opportunity to sell those saw-sets. Finally Page rather reluctantly consented to sell him 2,000 of them at "wholesale rates."

Richmond went to Church & Son's bank in Lowell to borrow the necessary \$1,000. Young Church tried to dissuade the old man from his project, but Richmond knew there "were millions in it." Church told him he was already in good circumstances and did not need any more money, but Richmond said he wanted some of the luxuries of life and insisted upon having the money.

He paid his money. Consequently he drew out \$1,000, gave his note for it and turned the money over to Page.

Page left immediately, but promised that the saw-sets should be delivered in a day or two.

That was two weeks ago and nothing has been heard either from Page or the saw-sets.

Richmond is disconsolate; but has not yet reported the matter to the police.

His friends are confident that he has been the victim of a clever sharper, and that beautiful song, "The Bowery" but fails to become a popular hymn in Lowell.

BICYCLE RECORD BREAKERS.

The One, Two, Three, Four and Five Mile Time Reduced.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 3.—Exposition hall was fairly attended this afternoon to see Tom Eaker's racing team go into the record making business. The hall was quite cold and the riders were rather slow about appearing. When finally the riders got started their performances were of the highest order. E. W. Ballard started in to lower the half-mile record of 1:17. He was paced by steel, and Rhodes. He started off at a flying pace and held it clear through, making the half mile in 1:12.

Then John S. Johnson started to lower his own record of 2:30 for a mile. The first start was a poor one and he came back and tried slower. He made the first pace maker, in very short order and was going at a very rapid clip when Rhodes started five yards ahead at his topmost speed. Johnson soon overhauled him, and after, then he was after steel, who

passed him the last three laps. There was some surprise after the mile was finished, thinking that he had not broken the record. The timekeepers then hung out the figures 2:26. Johnson was enthusiastically applauded for his performance.

Then came the most splendid race of the afternoon. W. A. Rhodes took a shy at the five mile record and cut it down to the very lowest figure. He was paced by Ballard, steel, Leonard and Johnson. He started off at a snail's pace, but never wavered a foot during the race. He seemed as fresh at the end as before he started. The former record for five miles was 12:29. Rhodes made it today in 12:05. He not only smashed the five mile record but hand-wrecked in new records for two, three and four miles.

Following are the figures for each mile: 2:26; two miles, 5:10; three miles, 7:44; four miles, 10:26, and five miles, 12:05.

LIKE MEDIAEVAL BARONS.

A Polish Robber Chief Captured by Austrian Troops.

VIENNA, Jan. 3.—The authorities at Warsaw are excited over the spread of brigandage in Russian Poland. The province of Radom, adjoining Austrian Galicia, has recently been infested by a band of twenty brigands, led by a notorious robber chief named Julian Voyte. These robbers grew so bold that they attacked the residence of a wealthy land owner named Vetchkovitch, who had refused to pay them blackmail. They slaughtered the live stock found on the place, and after plundering the house set it on fire. Vetchkovitch was badly burned in getting away from his house, and suffered greatly while in concealment.

Some of his employees carried word of the outrage to the authorities and on the following day a force of troops went in pursuit of the brigands, who made slow progress on account of being loaded with plunder. The troops overtook the robbers in a forest, when a sharp fight occurred. The robbers made a fierce resistance and wounded several of the soldiers, but the bandits were at length subdued and taken prisoners. The troops then made their way to the abode of Voyte, the robber leader. There they found a large quantity of stolen wealth, the place being fitted up in a rich style. In the cellar of Voyte's house a peasant was found whom the robbers were holding for ransom. A number of land owners in the neighborhood of Savada have had their residences sacked by brigands who were inclined to appear where they were least expected, thus baffling the police and leading the troops on many different marches.

HAS NO DAMAGE CLAIMS.

Mexico Will Not Ask For Any of Our Cash—Discreet Mexico.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 3.—The best informed authorities state that no claims for damages against the United States growing out of the raids of bandits along the border have been presented to the government at Washington. The Mexican legation was, however, ordered to point to the United States the evils arising from the raids and to request that vigilance along the border be increased and more troops be sent to prevent further incursions from American territory. The news that the Mexican government had taken upon an energetic campaign on the frontier against the bandits has been joyfully received here. General Rea is now in the City of Mexico in consultation with President Diaz in regard to the raids.

Recognize His Worth.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—A proposal is being discussed by the underwriters of Liverpool and London to present Captain McKay, Engineer Tomlinson and the other officers of the Umbria, with a handsome sum of money in recognition of their services in having taken the Umbria into port successfully after the accident to the shaft. The underwriters will await similar action, which is expected from the present Cunard Steamship company.

Floquet May Retire.

PARIS, Jan. 3.—Figaro today says that the next batch of persons selected by the government for the prosecution for complicity in the Panama affair included four more members of the chamber of deputies and an ex-minister. Figaro also says it is reported that M. Floquet, president of the chamber of deputies, will withdraw from parliament in consequence of the connection of his name with the scandal.

London All Ice.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The weather in and about London has been very wintry for several days past and much ice has formed in the Thames. Traffic above and below London bridge is seriously impeded by pack ice. The upper reaches of the river are frozen over and further obstruction to navigation is expected when the ice breaks up and floats down the river.

Had a Rough Voyage.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Steamer Marais (German) came from New York via New York December 11, for Hamburg, but put into St. Michaels with loss of boats and bulwarks, and jettisoned part of cargo.

California Jockey Club Organized.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—The California jockey club was organized today. T. H. Williams, president of the Pacific Coast Blood Horse association, was elected president and A. B. Speckles, vice president. The club will start season of forty days' racing next Tuesday. On the final day of the meeting a three mile race, all ages, for the California cup will be run.

No Gold Panic Here.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The treasury statement issued today shows that within the past ten days the net gold in the treasury has increased nearly \$2,000,000, being today \$121,297,000. The custom receipts at the port of New York for December were \$19,070,021, an increase of more than \$1,000,000 over December, 1891.

O, But We're Wealthy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The aggregate circulation of national bank notes outstanding December 31, 1892, was \$174,300,812, an increase from the \$173,400,000 of 1891, and during the calendar year of \$1,300,000.

Blaine Improving.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Mr. Blaine was better at 6 o'clock this evening than he has been at the same time yesterday.

Curtis Trial Postponed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—Judge Murphy today postponed the trial of Actor Curtis for two weeks.

DO NOT LIKE WORK

Congress Opens Today With Few Members Present.

BILLS COMING UP THIS WEEK

The Anti-Option Measure Apt to Be Relegated as Unfinished Business.

"The Great Claimant."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The senators and representatives who go home during the holiday recess rarely hasten their return to the capitol, so there is likely to be a small attendance in both houses tomorrow, when congress meets again, and the seats will possibly not be filled before next week.

In the senate there are indications of a struggle for place between the anti-option bill, the bill for the repeal of the purchase of silver act, and the quarantine and immigration suspension bill. The first business in order will be the McGarran bill, which comes up by unanimous consent in the morning hour. Senator Wilson of Iowa and others have speeches to deliver on this subject and they promise to occupy the morning hours during the week, greatly to the concern of the friends of the "great claimant," who realize that the bill cannot long be kept in its privileged condition to the exclusion of other business. After the morning hour tomorrow the anti-option bill will probably be taken up for further debate.

Senator McPherson, before the recess, gave notice that he would call up his resolution to repeal the Sherman silver act promptly on the assembling of congress, and he can at least succeed in delivering a speech on the subject. More than that can hardly be expected at this time, in view of the reluctance of republican senators to move in the matter until a line of policy is adopted at the caucus soon to be presented.

Mr. Washburne's Little Bill.

The immigration committee is extremely anxious to take some action on the quarantine and suspension bill. If Mr. Washburne does not succeed in pushing his anti-option bill to a vote by Friday, the indications are that they will make a determined effort to displace that measure as the unfinished business. In this attempt they will have the support of some senators who fear the chamber, and others who fear the anti-option bill, or who want to get on with other business.

The only business of importance likely to be transacted this week in the house is the passage of the fortification appropriation bill, which is in the charge of Mr. Breckinridge of Kentucky. There is but little chance that a quorum will be present tomorrow, and the appropriation bill will not be called up till this Thursday. The appropriation committee expect that there will be little, if any, general debate upon it, and that it will pass during the day.

Chairman Martin of the invalid pensions committee will take the earliest opportunity to call up the private pensions bills which are now on the calendar of unfinished business, but he will not do so until he is convinced that there is a quorum present to vote upon them. Altogether the remainder of the week promises to be uneventful in congress.

WILL RE-NOMINATE DAVIS.

The Minnesota Legislature Convenes With the Usual Combination.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 3.—The twenty-eighth annual session of the Minnesota legislature opened today with but few features, and after the usual ceremonial session was adjourned. The senate, being mostly composed of hold-overs, got down to business very quick and at 2 o'clock adjourned for the day. All the alliance members voted with the republicans. In the house J. J. Furlong was the democratic candidate for speaker. The followers of A. J. Greer, who backed the republican cause, made an attempt to force an adjournment till 8 o'clock, the Greer republicans having agreed to join the democrats on the ground. If this could be done the democrats would support Greer for speaker. The scheme was defeated by a vote of 63 to 49, there being three absentees. The joint house and senate committees on constitutional amendments for nominating United States senators issued a call for a republican caucus to be held on Wednesday evening, at which Senator Davis will be re-nominated. The democrats have not yet decided when to hold their caucus.

MUST COMBINE.

No One Colorado Party Strong Enough to Organize the House.

DENVER, Jan. 3.—The legislative situation is still very much mixed and the organization of the two houses is as much a matter of doubt as ever. Combinations are made and broken rapidly as made. The republican senators have decided to present the name of Senator Smith, the populist, the straight democrat, the name of Cassius B. Barlow, the "White Wings," the name of Senator McKinley for speaker pro tem of the senate. In the house straight democrats members adhere to Mr. Wooten for speaker. As neither party has a clear majority in either house some sort of combination must be made, and the chances favor a fusion of democrats and populists, the former trying to make a deal by which they can secure some of the patronage. Indications are that the republicans will organize the house and the populists the senate. The legislature will meet tomorrow.

WITH MILITARY FOP.

Cleveland's Inauguration Exercises Will Be Graced by a Small Army.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The committee on military parade in connection with the inauguration of President-elect Cleveland, called upon Secretary Ekin today, to request a revocation of the orders for the transfer of cavalry now at Fort Myer, District of Columbia, to southern points, or at least a suspension of those orders until after the date of the inauguration. The secretary said he was desirous of adding to the impressiveness of the occasion, so far as was in the power of the war department to contribute, and while he could not promise to revoke the orders, he assured them

that any troops removed before the 4th of March would be replaced by others, so that the military portion of the procession would not suffer thereby. Secretary Ekin informed the committee that the conditions were such that it was possible to assemble at Washington by March 4, with extraordinary expense, an unusually large number of troops and he would give instructions to have this done. The detail of the movement was at once placed in the hands of Major General Schofield and when his orders are carried out the inaugural procession next March will contain probably a larger representation of the army of the United States than on any similar occasion before.

CHILIAN INDEMNITY CASE.

A Naval Board Will Make the Awards to Sailors.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The secretary of the navy today appointed Capt. W. S. Schley Lieutenant Commander Uriel Sebree and Passed Assistant Surgeon Coast & Board to consider and report a plan for the equitable distribution of the Chilean indemnity fund of \$75,000. The board will meet in the office of Captain Schley on Staten Island, N. Y., next Monday for the purpose of preparing a record of the injuries sustained by the sailors of the Baltimore in the riots at Valparaiso October 16, 1891, and will recommend a proper distribution of the money in proportion to the injuries sustained by each. Secretary Tracy made a thorough examination of the law and precedents bearing on the case, and concluded that he has full authority under the law as it stands to distribute the fund.

The disbursement of the \$80,000 paid by Spain to the United States in settlement of the Virginia affair is regarded as a satisfactory precedent for action in this case. The Virginia case was distributed by the secretary of state without recourse to congress and the validity of his action has never been questioned. A small part of that fund is still in the state department awaiting final settlement.

WANTS IT REVERSED.

The Indiana Registration Law Does Not Win Approval.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 3.—Attorney General Smith today filed a petition in the supreme court for a rehearing in the case involving the constitutionality of the registration feature of the Australian ballot law, which the court set aside four days previously on the ground that the law required that persons who had been absent from the state on business for a period of six months or more before the election, but who still retained citizenship in the state should register with the county clerk prior to election to vote at the next ensuing election. The law was aimed at that class of alleged citizens who hold positions in Washington, who never pay taxes in Indiana, but who come here every four years to vote. The court held that registration could not be required of one class of citizens and not of another, and that a registry law must apply to all classes. The attorney general now asks that this decision be reversed on the ground that the court erred in constructing the constitution.

WANT IT REPEATED.

Boston Business Men Want Purchases of Silver Bullion Stopped.

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—At a special meeting of the Boston chamber of commerce this afternoon the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, As we merchants and citizens of Boston assembly, under the auspices of the Boston chamber of commerce, firmly believe that the continued purchase of silver bullion by the government of the United States is a menace to the stability of national finances and an element of grave danger to the commercial interests of the country;

Resolved, That we respectfully and earnestly urge our senators and representatives in congress to use every effort to secure immediate repeal of the silver purchase act of 1890.

Resolved, That the secretary of this chamber be and he is authorized to forward a copy of these resolutions to the president of the United States and to each of the senators and representatives in congress from this state.

VERY BERRY WAR.

Two Pennsylvania Legislators Claim Their Election and Both Sworn In.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 3.—The legislature met in biennial session today. Some excitement occurred in the house when the clerk in reading the list members inserted William H. Andrews, republican, from Crawford county, in place of Wilbur B. Higby, democrat, the legality of whose election Andrews had contested. Caleb Thompson, republican, of Warren was elected speaker of the house. After the members have been sworn in it was discovered that Andrews and Higby had gathered with the crowd and both took the oath. Higby, who was first on hand, was in the seat belonging to Crawford county. Andrews will slip into it whenever it is vacated and a merry war is promised. When both branches had organized, the governor's message was read in the respective houses.

MAX LIVE IN WASHINGTON.

Rumors That Senator Stockbridge Intends to Leave Michigan.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—It will no doubt be of special interest to people of Michigan to know just at this time that Senator Stockbridge is reported as about to make permanent residence in this city, whether or not actually decided. It is said on good authority that he has been for some time quietly negotiating for real estate, for which he is to pay \$75,000, on which he proposes to build an elegant mansion at a cost of \$200,000 or more, for a future home. Mrs. Stockbridge's death has been better here than even in Michigan, and she, like the senator, enjoys life here.

MILLIONAIRE DARK HORSE.

If Mr. Travis Wants to Be Senator Now's His Chance.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 3.—Both houses organized today, the democrats controlling the assembly and the republicans the senate. This throws over the election of United States senators two weeks. Stephen White, the leading democratic candidate, claims he has secured Burke, the non-partisan who

HE WANTED TO DIE

Albert E. Wing Killed His Depraved Wife.

WOULD HAVE PLEADED GUILTY

The Judge Induces Wing to Change His Plea and a Jury May Ultimately Acquit.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 3.—Albert E. Wing, who murdered his wife, the beautiful but depraved Miriam Eves Wing, about two months ago, was brought before court for trial today. He had no attorney and asked for a private conference with the judge, which was granted. He stated to his honor that he was tired of life, that remaining in jail was like so much torture to him, and that as he believed there was no possible chance for him to escape the gallows, he desired to plead guilty and asked for the death sentence to be pronounced. The judge expressed his surprise, but Wing reiterated his desire, but was persuaded that perhaps there might be a chance to escape death. He finally consented to plead not guilty and ask for a continuance of his case to secure attorneys, which was granted until February 16. There has been but one case similar to this in Louisville, and that was when Albert Turner, colored, who killed Jennie Bowland, pleaded guilty. The judge delivered the case as it stood to the jury, who, after a few minutes deliberation, returned a verdict of willful murder, for which he was hanged.

WILL GET AWAY.

Homestead Poisoners Were Arrested in the Wrong State.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 3.—The arrest in Cincinnati on Monday of Antonio Guinac and William Coleman, who are charged with being implicated in the alleged plot to poison the non-union men at Homestead, was wholly a surprise to the Pinkerton men in the employ of the Carnegie Steel company. They wanted to have the men arrested in Indiana or Kentucky, where the requirements of extradition laws are much easier satisfied. Under the Ohio laws, before the accused can be extradited, a true bill must have been found against them. There is now only the information returned by the grand jury, which reads the same as the information against Dempsey, Beatty, Davidson and others who are charged with felonious assault. In the cases of Guinac and Coleman, it will be impossible to get through with the extradition process before the end of the year. In the meantime the men will have had plenty of time to get out of the hands of nabobs.

NEW TRIAL ORDERED.

The Supreme Court Knocks Dr. Prentice Out of Damage Case.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Chalmers M. C. Prentice, a physician of Norwalk, O., while traveling on excursion tickets with his wife and other persons on the Lake Shore railroad to Chicago, purchased the return trip tickets of a number of passengers. The conductor of this train, arrested Prentice just before reaching Chicago, subjected him to violence and his wife to insult, and had Prentice locked up on a charge of disorderly conduct. Prentice sued the railroad company, which admitted that the conductor was guilty, but refused to pay damages. The company, however, objected to the charge of the judge. Judgment for \$10,000 was brought in. The railroad appealed. The supreme court remanded the case for a new trial.

JUDGE LYNCH AT WORK.

Alleged Tennessee Murderers Taken From Jail and Hanged to a Tree.

LOXNOT, Tenn., Jan. 3.—Last night a mob of fifty masked men overpowered the sheriff and took Henry Duncan, who was in jail without bail charged with killing a man named Stephens on an ox car Friday, and hanged him to a tree. Duncan was also accused of having killed three more persons.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Jan. 3.—The jail at Bakersfield, N. C., is guarded by the sheriff and the jailer, the execution of the threatened lynching of Calvin Snydes, confined for the murder of Isaac Osborne. One small mob has already been repulsed, but a large one is gathering and a bloody fight is anticipated.

ENGINE BURNS.

Two Men Were Killed Outright and a Third Fatally Scalded.

MOSKOW, Ind., Jan. 3.—The engine of the train going from Moscow to Michigan City at 11 o'clock this forenoon blew up near Francesville, killing two men and perhaps fatally scalding the third. The fireman, A. T. McCarthy of Indianapolis, was blown into the air and dropped dead on the track. The lead brakeman, Harry Buck, had bones broken all over his body and was terribly scalded and died in an hour. Con Cavanaugh, engineer, was terribly scalded, but may live. A farmer unloading hay about 100 yards from where the engine burst had his wagon torn to pieces and he himself was badly hurt by a piece of casting from the engine.

WILL BE LYNCHED.

Two Negroes Kill a Man for Stealing a Feat.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 3.—About ten days ago R. P. Hinton, a wealthy merchant of Green county, was assassinated and his dead body left in the road over night. Today a negro named J. M. Rencher, was arrested charged with the deed. He made a full confession, declaring that he and Glover Jones, another negro, committed the murder and that they were paid \$50 each by G. P. Williams for the job. Williams is a merchant at the little railroad station where Hinton lived, and between him and Hinton there was a feud. The negroes are in jail at Eatonton, and great excitement prevails there with promise of a lynching before morning.

INSANE MAN'S WORK.

Portuguese Saloonist Shoots Two Persons and Then Suicide.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 3.—Antonio Duarte, a Portuguese keeper of the way-side saloon at Lombard street, while suffering from delirium tremens this

morning, went to the room of Anton Dias, his barkeeper, whom he called up to open the door. As Anton complied with the request Duarte shot at him, inflicting a serious injury. Duarte then rushed into the room, firing two shots at Mrs. Dias, both passing through the chest. Duarte then placed the weapon to his own head, blowing out his brains. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide in the case of Duarte while he was temporarily insane.

CAME HOME A CONFESSOR.

Milo Tomlinson Cannot Bear His Disgrace, So Takes His Life.

CRAWFORDVILLE, Ind., Jan. 3.—The excitement caused by the flight of Milo Tomlinson, the wealthy horseman, two weeks since and a subsequent revelation of the fraud and forgeries he had perpetrated, has been revived. Tomlinson died instantly and when the station was reached his bleeding body was carried out to his father, who had come down to welcome him home.

Vanderbilt Loses His Alva Soul.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Wm. K. Vanderbilt today lost out all points at issue in the applications brought in behalf of the owners of the Henry R. Dimock and also to compel the United States district court from proceeding with its libel proceedings in behalf of the owners of the Henry R. Dimock, and also to compel the United States district court for southern New York to reinstate the Dimock's case against the Dimock, which the court had dismissed because of proceedings in the Massachusetts court.

He Did Not Patent the Box.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The court of claims reconvened today and a number of opinions were handed down. Among them was one dismissing the case of George E. Kirk, assignee of Samuel Strong, who sought to recover \$35,000 as royalty on street letter boxes alleged to have been invented by Strong. The opinion holds that Strong was not the inventor in fact, but that the boxes were the result of experiments of postal officials and that Strong simply manufactured them for the United States, carrying out the ideas of others.

Hardin Wants Damages.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 3.—Charles E. Hardin, the Adams express messenger who was taken in custody by Wells Fargo detectives and brought to this city under suspicion of having stolen the package containing \$35,000, filed suit this evening against the Adams and Wells Fargo Express companies jointly for \$25,000 damages for false imprisonment. Hardin was brought here to see Mr. Brenner, who made the stencil used by the robber, could identify him. The identification failed and Hardin was released.

Argued With Pistol.

FARMERSVILLE, La., Jan. 3.—A deadly shooting affair occurred yesterday at Marion, a small town fourteen miles northwest of New Orleans, between A. Alexander and Oscar Cox, resulting in the killing of A. Carroll and mortally wounding the other Carroll, and Leech Alexander and Oscar Cox received painful but not dangerous wounds. Thirty pistol shots were fired. There has been bad blood existing for some time between the parties, owing to a law suit.

Bridge of Ice.

NIAGARA FALLS, Jan. 3.—For the first time in several years an ice bridge across the Niagara river just below the falls was formed today. This phenomenon which has been seldom seen in recent years, is a sight in itself most striking and beautiful aspect and attracts many visitors to the scene. The bridge resembles a mountain of pure crystal formed of frozen spray and rapidly increases in size while the weather remains cold. The indications are that the present bridge will hold for some weeks.

Memphis' Big Blaze.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 3.—A fire that threatened to sweep a large part of the business portion of Memphis started in Matthews' hardware company building on Union street this evening, and the damage will foot up nearly a quarter of a million dollars. The fire was on the block south of the one that suffered a million dollar loss about a year ago. Chief Burke of the fire department was injured, but not seriously, by a fall from a ladder.

Aimed for His Heart.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 3.—Early this morning George McFadden, proprietor of a variety theater at Fourth and Plum streets, attempted to commit suicide by shooting himself in the left breast. He will probably die. He was connected with the Jim Cunningham train robbery, serving a term in the penitentiary for it. He has been drinking heavily of late.

Electric Light Works Blaze.

FR. WAYNE, Ind., Jan. 3.—The armature or arc department of the Ft. Wayne Electric company's works was damaged by fire and water to the extent of \$50,000 or \$75,000 this evening. The insurance on the plant is \$50,000, and as the main shops are intact, the company will not suspend operations longer than a few days.

Death of a Veteran.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Information reached the post office this morning that Perry Jones, superintendent of the dead letter and inquiry departments of the general postoffice, died on New Year's day. Mr. Jones entered the postal service as a letter carrier on December 25, 1867.

Struck Natural Gas.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Jan. 3.—A large vein of natural gas was struck in well No. 15 at Sandy Creek yesterday. The tools were thrown high in the air and the drillers ran for their lives. The noise of the escaping gas was heard two miles.

Caucus Concedes the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Chairman Carter of the republican national committee concedes the control of the senate to the democrats after March 4.

WON IN A WALK

William Aldrich Team for Speaker.

He Gets There on the First Ballot.

Lew Miller Takes the Clerkship.

Stockbridge Far and Away in the Lead.

LANSING, Jan. 3.—Tateum wins it, and without a struggle. It took but one ballot for the Grand Rapids candidate to carry off the honors. The votes stand: